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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hiroyuki KINOSHITA et al.

Serial No: 08/808,315

Filed: February 27, 1997

For: SAPPHIRE MONOCRYSTAL,
SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DIODE
USING THE SAME FOR
SUBSTRATE, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Art Unit: 2812
Examiner: Q. Leung

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 & 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 & 1.27 is enclosed.
- A certified copy of _____ Patent Application No. _____ filed _____ from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	5	-	20	**	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-	3	***	0	LG=\$78 SM=\$39	\$78
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$260 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$130	\$ 0
						TOTAL	\$ 0

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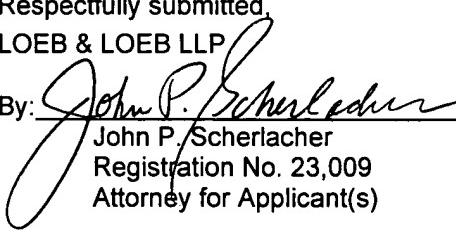
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- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,

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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116-

Expedited Procedure

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hiroyuki Kinoshita et al.

Serial No: 08/808,315

Filed: February 27, 1997

For: Sapphire Monocrystal, Semiconductor
Laser Diode Using the Same for
Substrate, and Method for
Manufacturing the Same

Art Unit: 2812

Examiner: Q. Leung

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 1999, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 9, line 13, please delete "may be" (which was added by the previous amendment of September 23, 1999) and insert --is widely-- therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A tool comprising a sapphire monocrystal body having a sharp edge formed by a working plane and a cleavage plane parallel to a plane R of the sapphire monocrystal, the angle between the working plane and the cleavage plane being less than about 70 degrees.

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